

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Kelly Flynn, on January 17, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kelly Flynn, Chair (R)
Rep. Bob Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 154, 1/12/2017; HB 183, 1/12/2017; HB 214, 1/12/2017

00:01:02 Rep. Court joined the meeting

HEARING ON HB 154

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:47 Rep. Willis Curdy (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 154, Limit use of exploding targets on public land.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:05 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:06:27 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:07:51 Hank Worsech, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:08:08 Kevin Chappel, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:37 Rep. White

00:09:24 Rep. Curdy

00:10:12 Chair Flynn

00:10:33 Rep. Curdy

00:11:01 Chair Flynn

00:11:20 Rep. Curdy

00:12:17 Rep. Kipp III

00:12:29 Rep. Curdy

00:13:06 Rep. Price

00:13:22 Rep. Curdy

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:40 Rep. Curdy

HEARING ON HB 214

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:30 Rep. Bob Brown (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 214, Generally revise laws related to Fort Peck hatchery.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:05 Bob Gilbert, Walleye Unlimited of Montana

00:22:23 Eileen Ryce, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fih12a01\)](#)

00:27:01 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:46 Rep. White
00:28:07 Ben Lamb, MWF
00:28:29 Rep. B. Smith
00:28:51 Eileen Ryce, FWP
00:29:28 Chair Flynn
00:29:51 Eileen Ryce, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:12 Rep. B. Brown

00:32:03 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:32:26 Rep. Jacobson joined the meeting

HEARING ON HB 183

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:33:02 Rep. Kelly Flynn (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 183, Remove termination date on outfitter assistant laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:35:18 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
[EXHIBIT\(fih12a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:39 Rep. Jacobson
00:40:01 Rep. Flynn
00:40:07 Rep. Jacobson
00:40:28 Rep. Flynn

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:29 Rep. Flynn

00:42:28 Chair Flynn

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:44:19

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih12aad.pdf](#))